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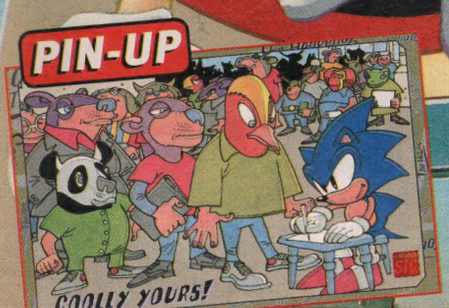

NEW! DR ROBOTNIK'S WHEELING & DEALING!

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HEART OF EVIL
NO! YOU CAN'T DO THIS! THEY'RE CHILDREN!
INSIDE THE MYSTIC MOUNTAIN SONIC IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO STOP A SINISTER RITUAL!
YOU ARE AN OUTSIDER... YOU DO NOT BELONG HERE!
THIS IS THE DOMAIN OF THE MYSTIC GENIES! HERE WE DO AS WE PLEASE!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
NEW COMPLETE
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Lettering: Elitta Fell
THE PEOPLE OF SHANAZAR HAVE GIVEN US THEIR CHILDREN WILLINGLY! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE!

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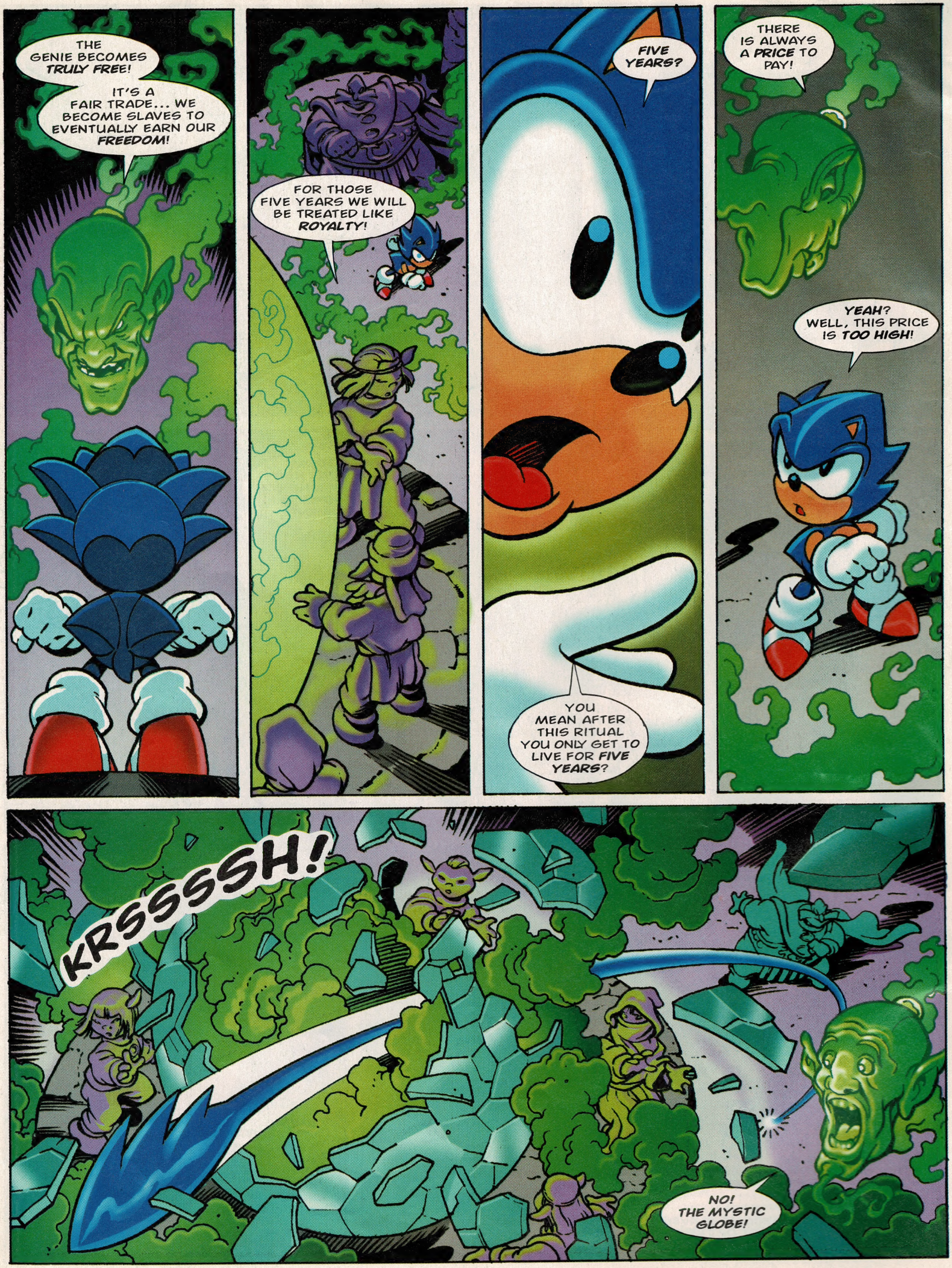
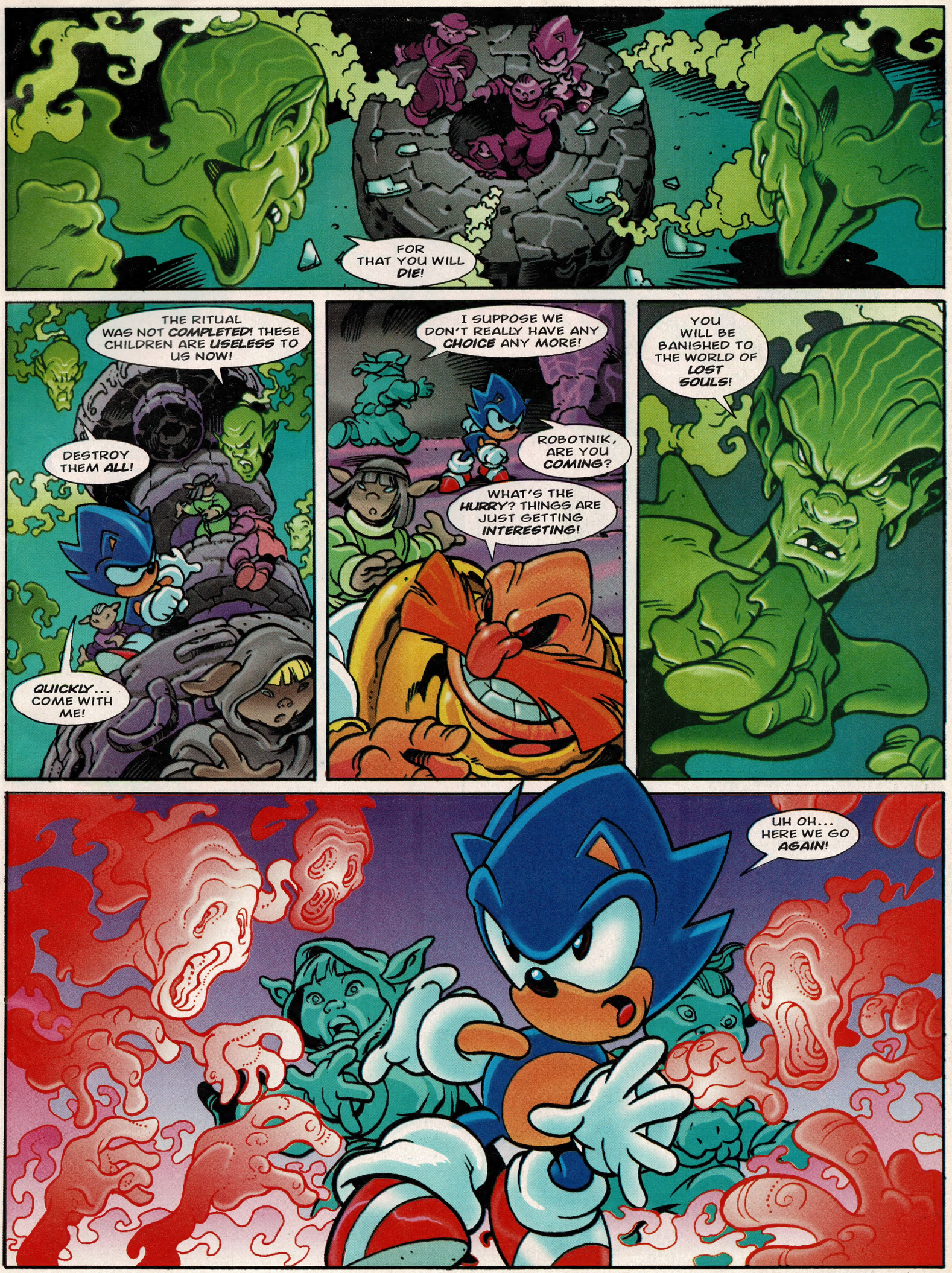
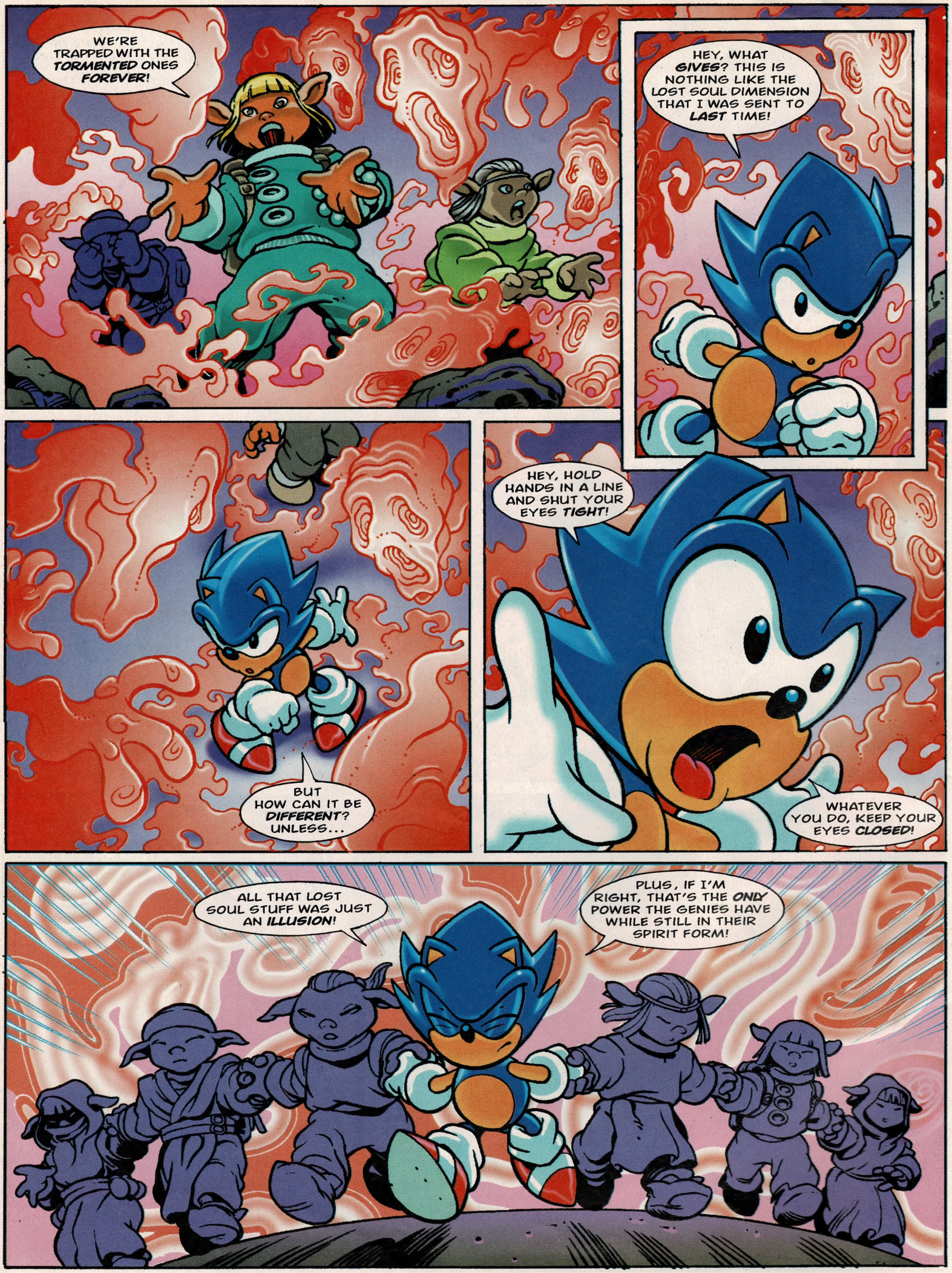
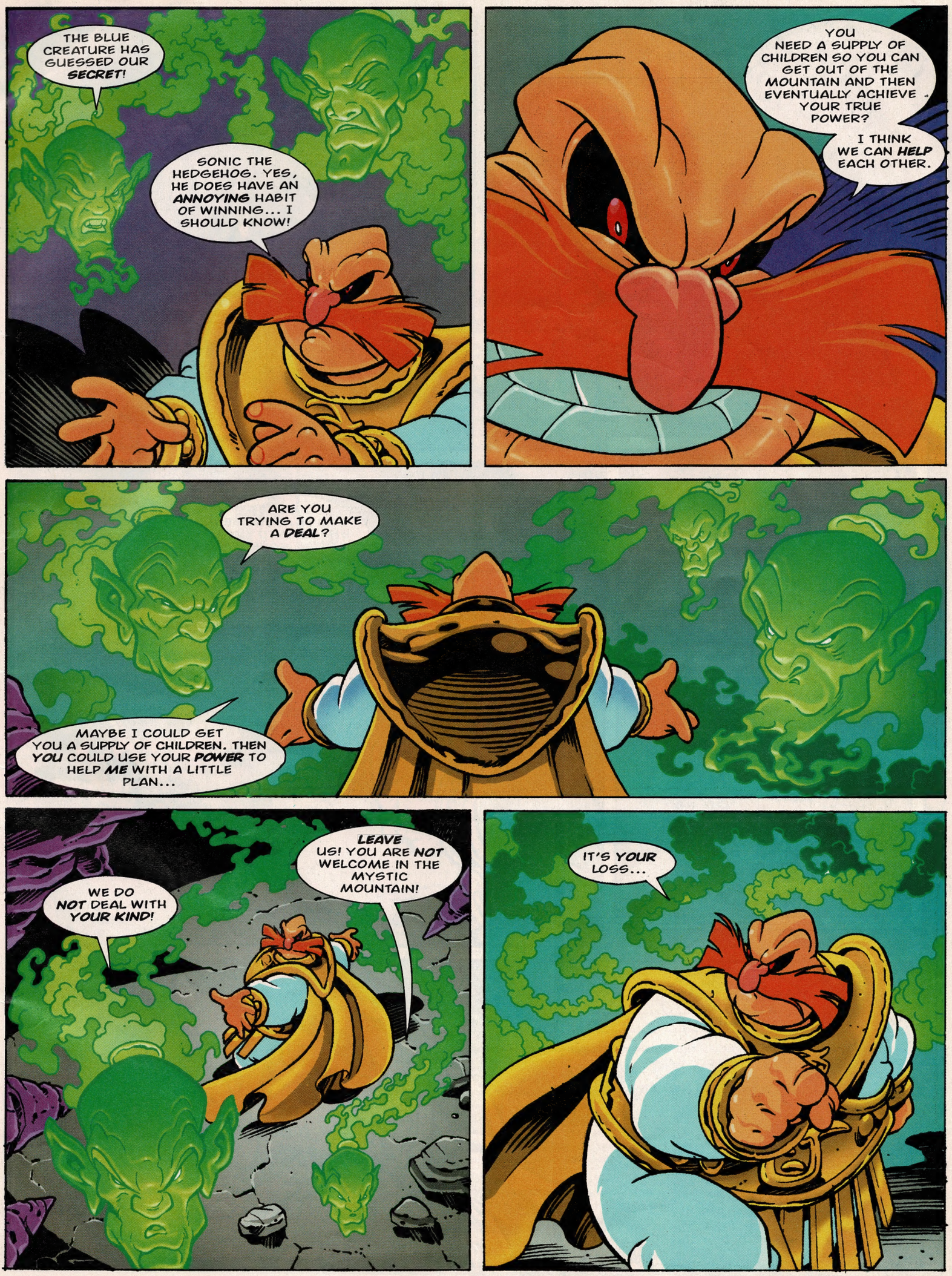
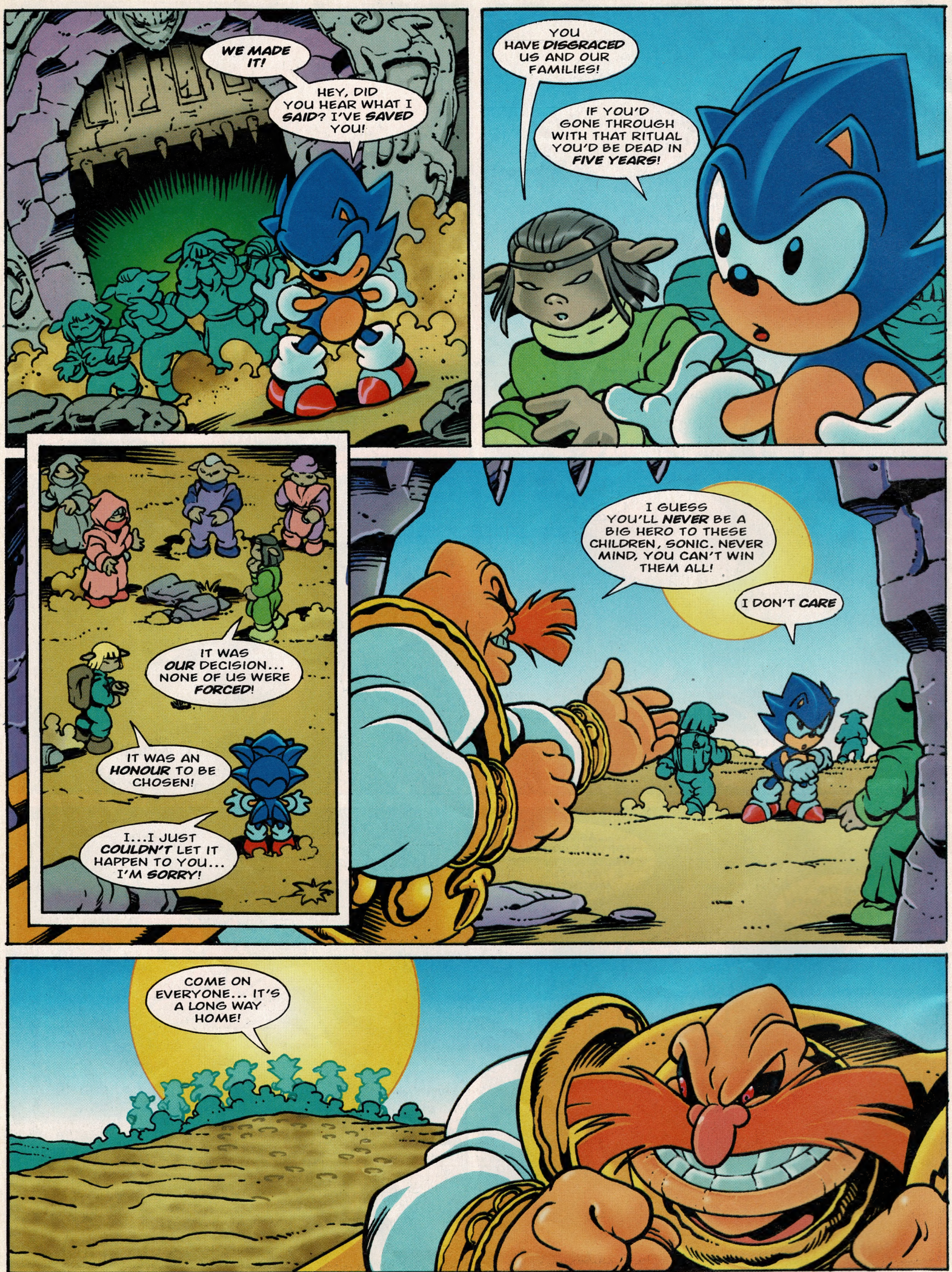
LOOK, I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT! I JUST KNOW THAT THIS IS ALL WRONG!
SONIC, THIS IS A GREAT HONOUR FOR US! WE SIX HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF A MYSTIC GENIE!
AFTER COMPLETING THE RITUAL, THE CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO SHANAZAR!
AND IN TIMES OF DANGER THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SUMMON A MIGHTY GENIE!
THE KINGDOM OF SHANAZAR HAS BEEN KEPT STRONG FOR GENERATIONS BY THIS ARRANGEMENT!
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE GENIES CAN EVER LEAVE THE MYSTIC MOUNTAIN!
IN RETURN, WE BECOME SLAVES FOR THE REST OF THE CHILD'S LIFE!
THE REST OF THEIR LIFE?
SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE CHILD DIES?


THE GENIE BECOMES TRULY FREE!
IT'S A FAIR TRADE... WE BECOME SLAVES TO EVENTUALLY EARN OUR FREEDOM!
FOR THOSE FIVE YEARS WE WILL BE TREATED LIKE ROYALTY!
FIVE YEARS?
YOU MEAN AFTER THIS RITUAL YOU ONLY GET TO LIVE FOR FIVE YEARS?
THERE IS ALWAYS A PRICE TO PAY!
YEAH? WELL, THIS PRICE IS TOO HIGH!
KRSSSSH!
NO! THE MYSTIC GLOBE!


FOR THAT YOU WILL DIE!
THE RITUAL WAS NOT COMPLETED! THESE CHILDREN ARE USELESS TO US NOW!
DESTROY THEM ALL!
QUICKLY... COME WITH ME!
I SUPPOSE WE DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY CHOICE ANY MORE!
ROBOTNIK, ARE YOU COMING?
WHAT'S THE HURRY? THINGS ARE JUST GETTING INTERESTING!
YOU WILL BE BANISHED TO THE WORLD OF LOST SOULS!
UH OH... HERE WE GO AGAIN!


WE'RE TRAPPED WITH THE TORMENTED ONES FOREVER!
HEY, WHAT GIVES? THIS IS NOTHING LIKE THE LOST SOUL DIMENSION THAT I WAS SENT TO LAST TIME!
BUT HOW CAN IT BE DIFFERENT? UNLESS...
HEY, HOLD HANDS IN A LINE AND SHUT YOUR EYES TIGHT!
WHATEVER YOU DO, KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED!
ALL THAT LOST SOUL STUFF WAS JUST AN ILLUSION!
PLUS, IF I'M RIGHT, THAT'S THE ONLY POWER THE GENIES HAVE WHILE STILL IN THEIR SPIRIT FORM!


THE BLUE CREATURE HAS GUESSED OUR SECRET!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. YES, HE DOES HAVE AN ANNOYING HABIT OF WINNING... I SHOULD KNOW!
YOU NEED A SUPPLY OF CHILDREN SO YOU CAN GET OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN AND THEN EVENTUALLY ACHIEVE YOUR TRUE POWER?
I THINK WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER.
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE A DEAL?
MAYBE I COULD GET YOU A SUPPLY OF CHILDREN. THEN YOU COULD USE YOUR POWER TO HELP ME WITH A LITTLE PLAN...
WE DO NOT DEAL WITH YOUR KIND!
LEAVE US! YOU ARE NOT WELCOME IN THE MYSTIC MOUNTAIN!
IT'S YOUR LOSS...


WE MADE IT!
HEY, DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID? I'VE SAVED YOU!
YOU HAVE DISGRACED US AND OUR FAMILIES!
IF YOU'D GONE THROUGH WITH THAT RITUAL YOU'D BE DEAD IN FIVE YEARS!
IT WAS OUR DECISION... NONE OF US WERE FORCED!
IT WAS AN HONOUR TO BE CHOSEN!
I...I JUST COULDN'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU... I'M SORRY!
I GUESS YOU'LL NEVER BE A BIG HERO TO THESE CHILDREN, SONIC. NEVER MIND, YOU CAN'T WIN THEM ALL!
I DON'T CARE
COME ON EVERYONE... IT'S A LONG WAY HOME!

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PART 2

Amy

Treasure Seeker

ON PLANET GREMLYN, AMY HAS LOCATED THE MYSTERIOUS ULTRAGEM, BUT THE QUEST IS FULL OF DANGERS...

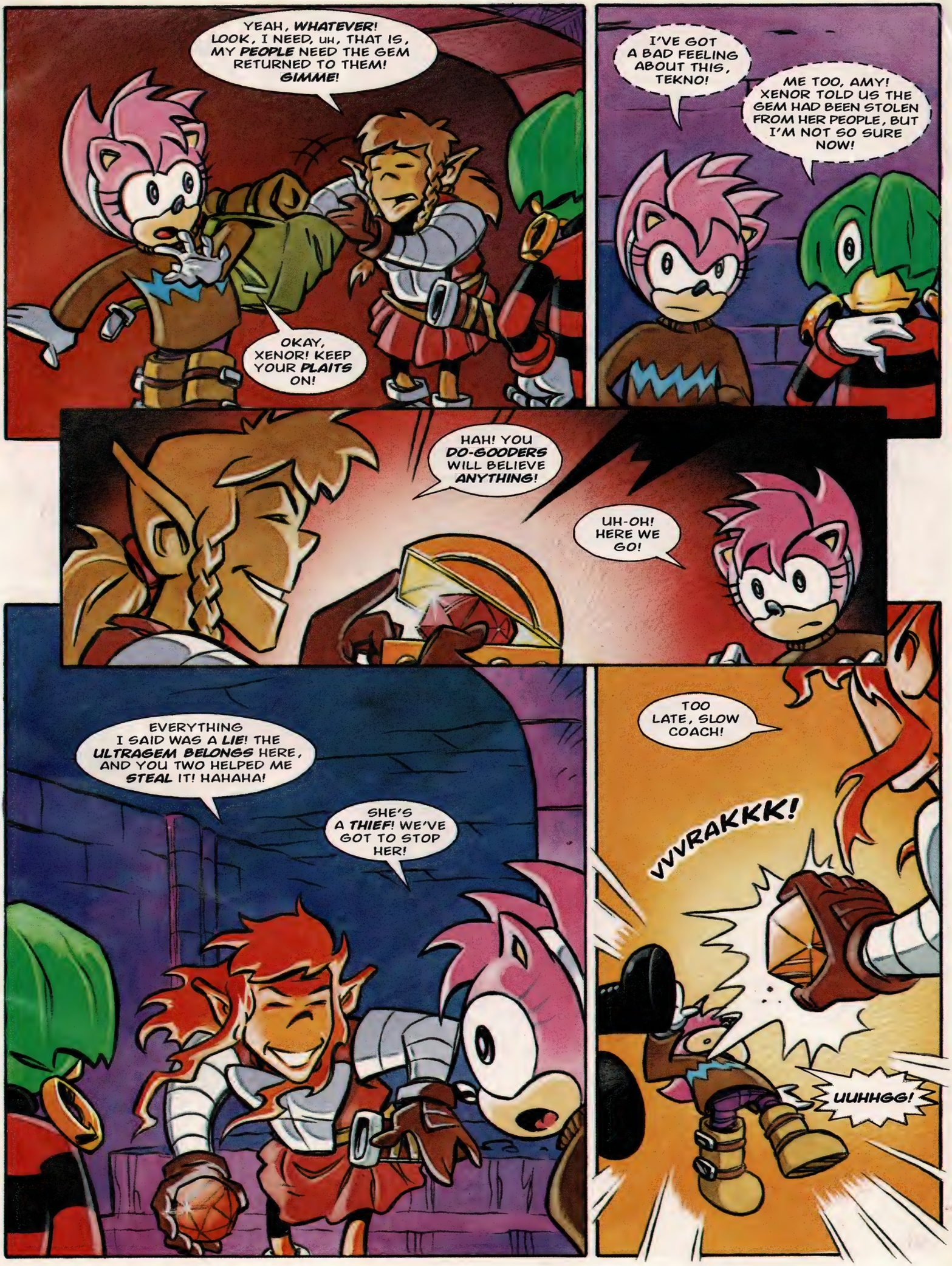
BOILING HOT LAVA! HELP!

SWOOOP!

TEKNO! AM I LUCKY TO HAVE A CANARY LIKE YOU FOR A PAL!

AMY! DID YOU FIND THE ULTRAGEM?

HUH. I'M FINE, XENOR, THANKS FOR ASKING!


YEAH, WHATEVER! LOOK, I NEED, UH, THAT IS, MY PEOPLE NEED THE GEM RETURNED TO THEM! GIMME!
OKAY, XENOR! KEEP YOUR PLAITS ON!
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS, TEKNO!
ME TOO, AMY! XENOR TOLD US THE GEM HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM HER PEOPLE, BUT I'M NOT SO SURE NOW!
HAH! YOU DO-GOODERS WILL BELIEVE ANYTHING!
UH-OH! HERE WE GO!
EVERYTHING I SAID WAS A LIE! THE ULTRAGEM BELONGS HERE, AND YOU TWO HELPED ME STEAL IT! HAHAHA!
SHE'S A THIEF! WE'VE GOT TO STOP HER!
TOO LATE, SLOW COACH!
VVVRAKKK!
UUHHGG!

THAT IS ONE DANGEROUS PIECE OF ROCK!
NO WONDER IT WAS SECLUDED INSIDE THIS CASTLE!
THE LEGENDS ARE TRUE! THIS GEM GIVES ME THE POWER TO CONQUER THE WORLD!
SHEESH! HAS SHE ATTENDED CORNY DIALOGUE CLASSES OR WHAT?
SILENCE!
VVVRAMMM!
YIKES! SHE'S TURNED THE FLOOR TO QUICKSAND!
YOU'RE NOT SUNK YET, AMY!
THIS IS BEGINNING TO BE A HABIT! THANKS AGAIN, TEKNO!
WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET!
WHHOOF!
I'M JUST WARMING UP, GIRLS!

KROOM!
RRAAGHH!
THE NOISE HAS BROUGHT SERPENTUS, GUARDIAN OF THE GEM, BACK!
XENOR WON'T STAND A CHANCE NOW!
VRRAAK!
PAH! WITH JUST A THOUGHT I CAN TRANSFORM THE CREATURE INTO MERE MIST!
AMAZING! THE ULTRAGEM CAN TRANSFORM THE MOLECULES OF ITS TARGET INTO ANY FORM SHE CHOOSES!
RIGHT, AND THAT'S HOW WE'RE GONNA BEAT HER!
AMY. WHAT DO...?
TRUST ME, TEKNO.
HEY, XENOR! WITH POWER LIKE THAT, YOU COULD BE RICH! MAYBE YOU COULD CHANGE THIS CASTLE INTO SOLID SILVER!
I LIKE IT!
LET THE STONES OF THIS CASTLE BECOME POLISHED SILVER!

THANK YOU FOR THE SUGGESTION, AMY, BUT I'M STILL GOING TO KILL YOU AND YOUR FRIEND!
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT, YOU NUTCASE!
FOR THAT, YOU WILL MEET THE SAME FATE AS THE SNAKE! DIE!
NOW, TEKNO! MOVE!
VVRAKK!
NOOOOOO...
'MIST' AGAIN, TEKNO!
LOOK, THE ULTRAGEM WAS TRANSFORMED INTO MIST TOO!
AT LEAST NO ONE CAN MISUSE IT NOW!
MISSION COMPLETE, AMY AND TEKNO RETURN TO LIMBO, READY FOR THEIR NEXT DESTINATION...
WHEW! WHAT AN ADVENTURE!
DON'T YOU MEAN A REAL GEM?!
THE END

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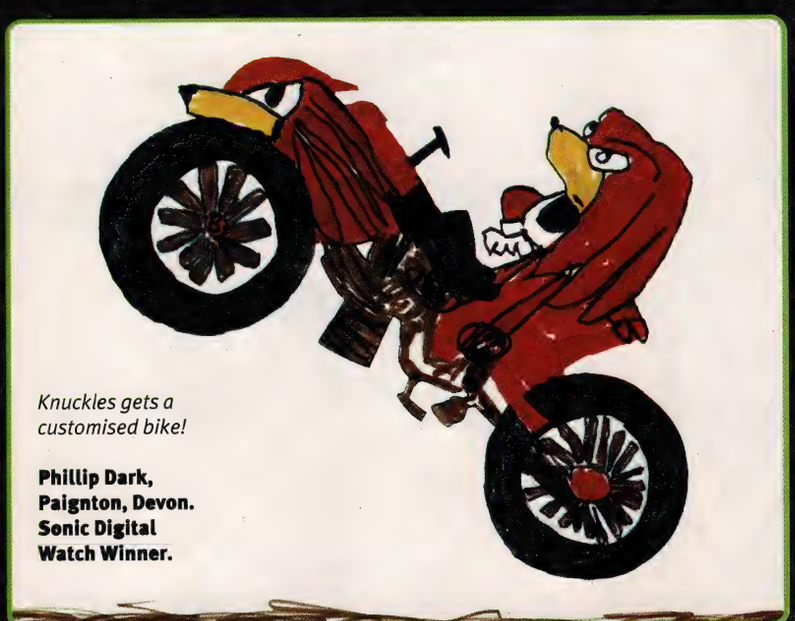

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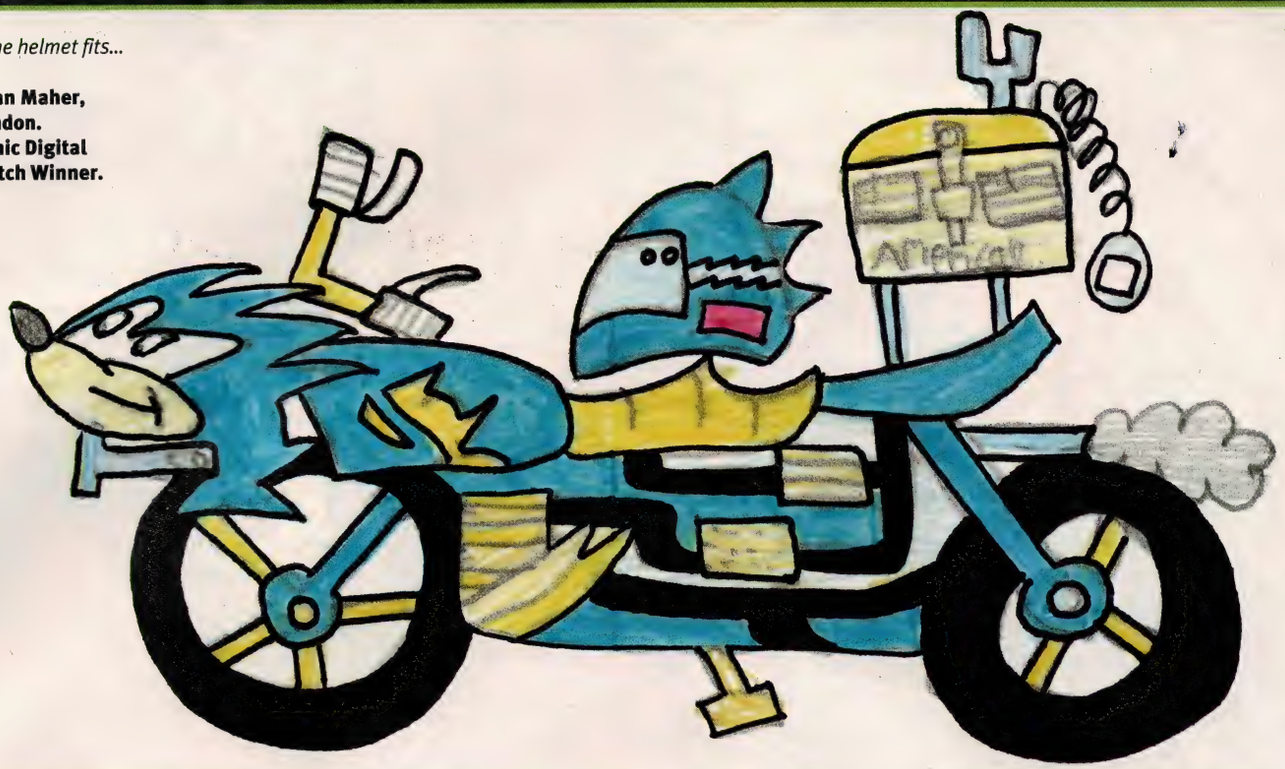

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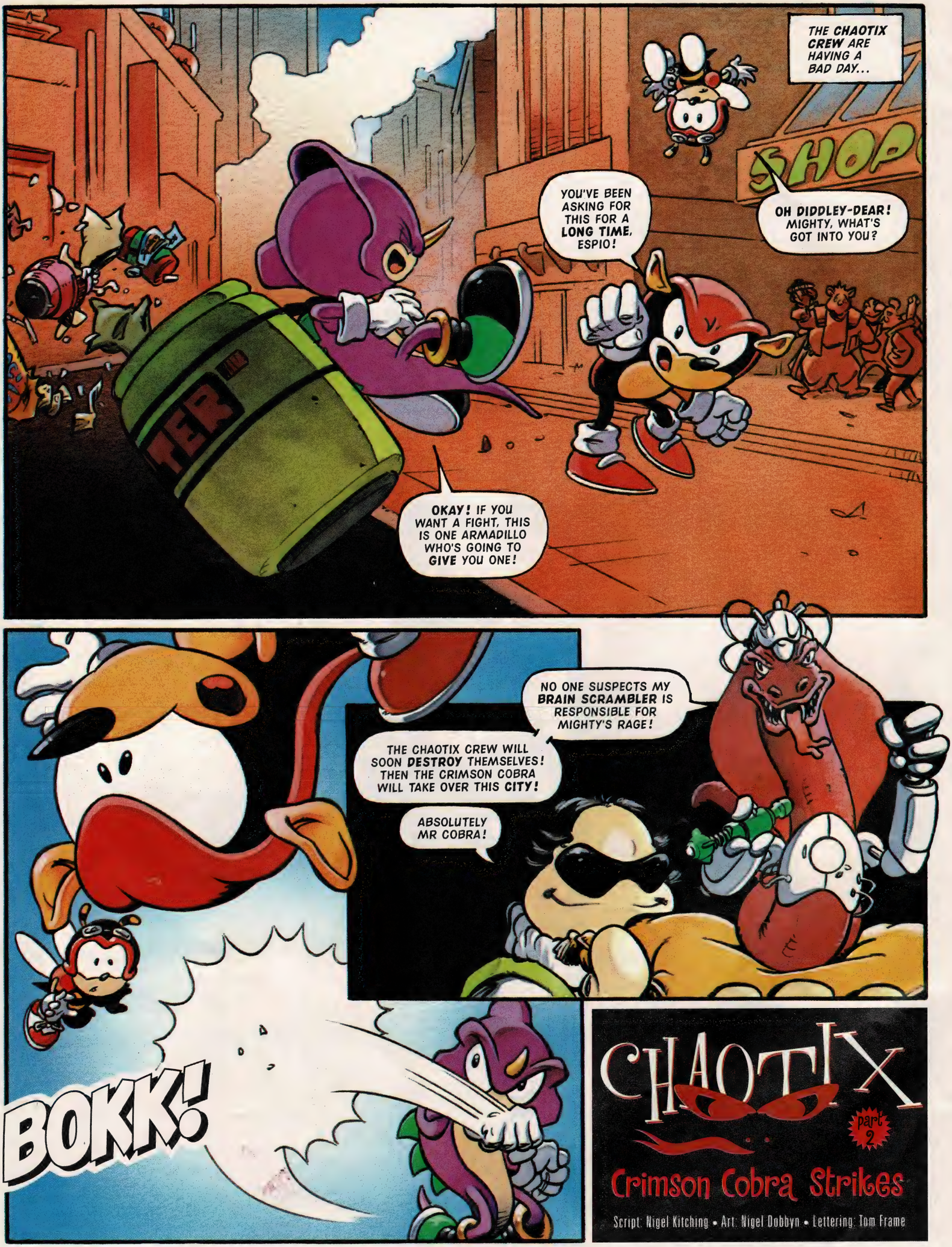
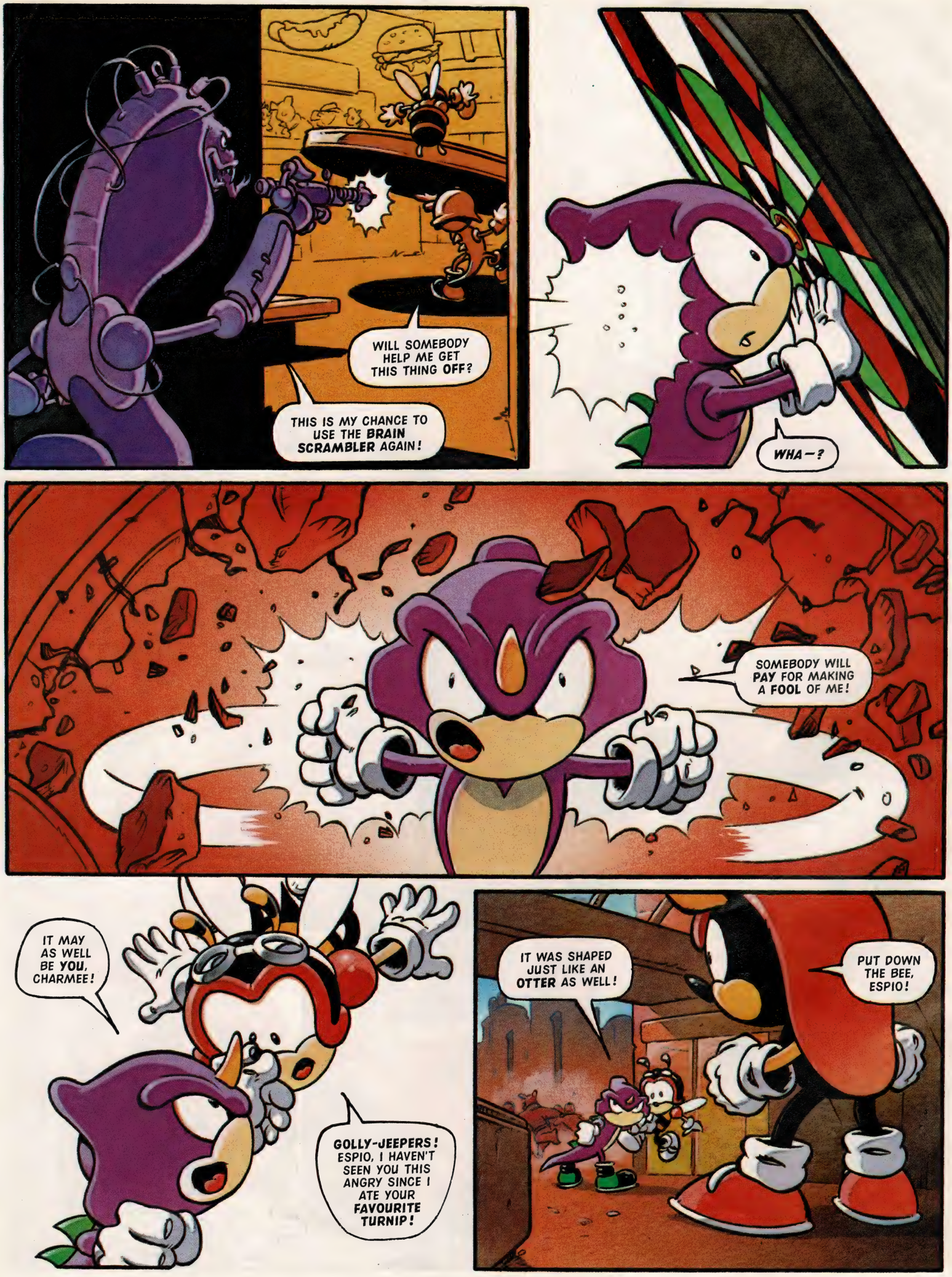
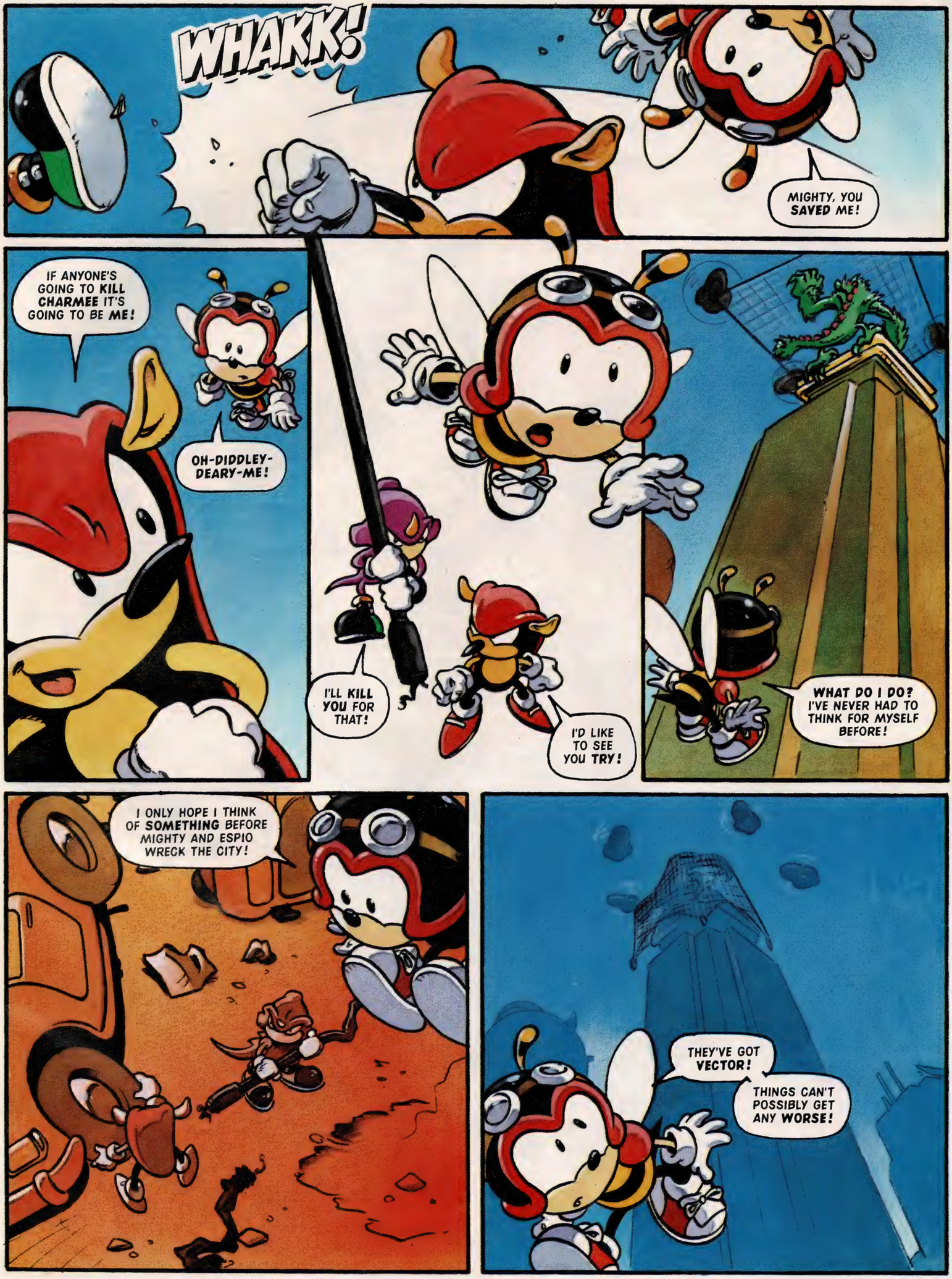
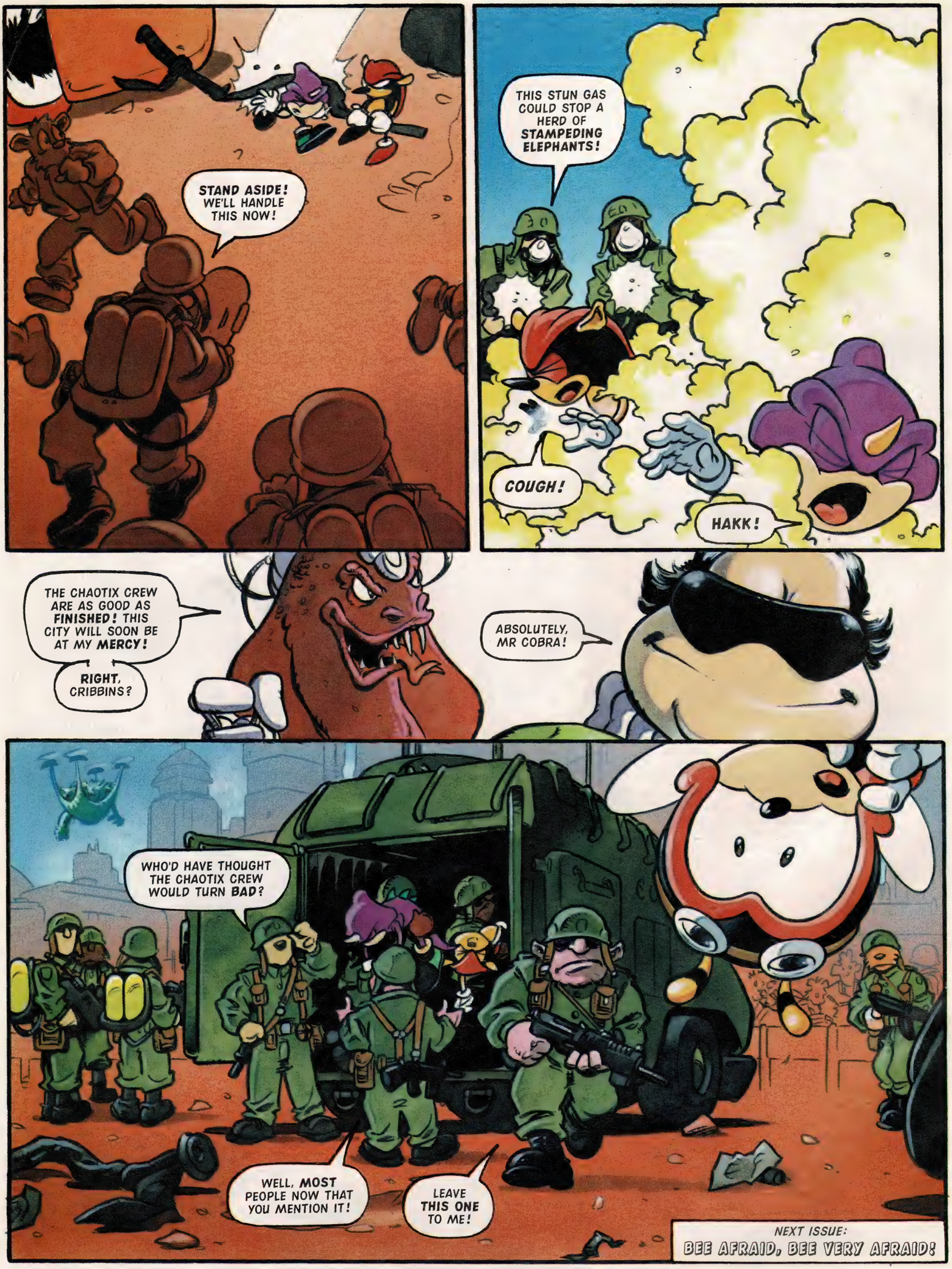
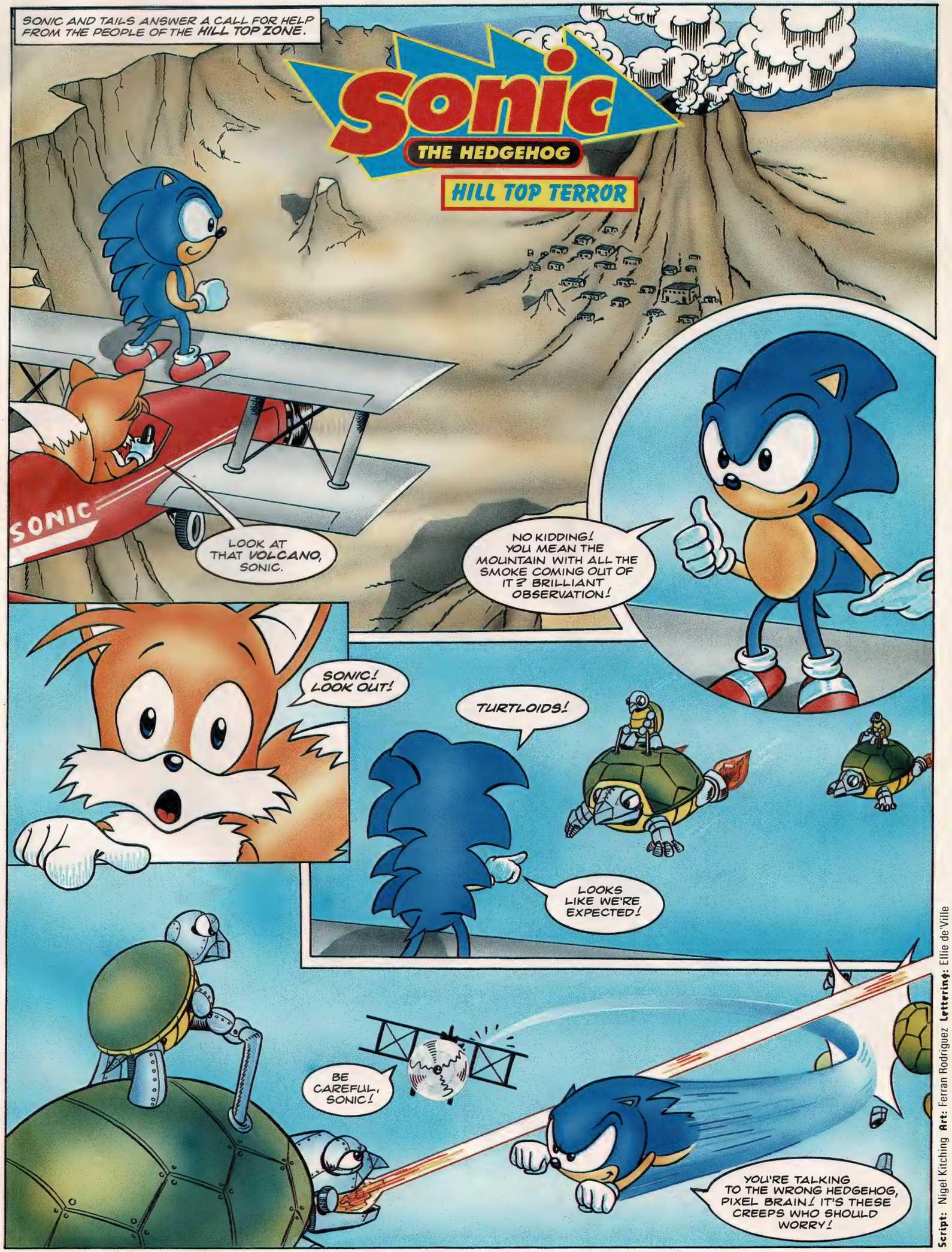

THE CHAOTIX CREW ARE HAVING A BAD DAY...
YOU'VE BEEN ASKING FOR THIS FOR A LONG TIME, ESPIO!
OH DIDDLEY-DEAR! MIGHTY, WHAT'S GOT INTO YOU?
OKAY! IF YOU WANT A FIGHT, THIS IS ONE ARMADILLO WHO'S GOING TO GIVE YOU ONE!
NO ONE SUSPECTS MY BRAIN SCRAMBLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MIGHTY'S RAGE!
THE CHAOTIX CREW WILL SOON DESTROY THEMSELVES! THEN THE CRIMSON COBRA WILL TAKE OVER THIS CITY!
ABSOLUTELY MR COBRA!
BOKK!
CHAOTIX
part 2
Crimson Cobra Strikes
Script: Nigel Kitching • Art: Nigel Dobbyn • Lettering: Tom Frame

THIS IS NO TIME TO FIGHT!
VECTOR HAS TURNED INTO A MONSTER... WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!
YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME, TURNIP BREATH!
YIKES!
CHRIS TYRANT'S WIN A MILLION—
IF YOUR NEXT DART HITS THE BULL'S-EYE YOU WIN THE MILLION!
TAKE YOUR TIME!
Chris Tyrant
B-DONK!
I DID IT! I WON!
I'M SORRY, BUT... THERE'S NOTHING IN THE RULES ABOUT ARMADILLOS!
RULE
WELL, THERE GOES MY WAGES FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS!


WILL SOMEBODY HELP ME GET THIS THING OFF?
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO USE THE BRAIN SCRAMBLER AGAIN!
WHA—?
SOMEBODY WILL PAY FOR MAKING A FOOL OF ME!
IT MAY AS WELL BE YOU, CHARMEE!
GOLLY-JEEPERS! ESPIO, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU THIS ANGRY SINCE I ATE YOUR FAVOURITE TURNIP!
IT WAS SHAPED JUST LIKE AN OTTER AS WELL!
PUT DOWN THE BEE, ESPIO!

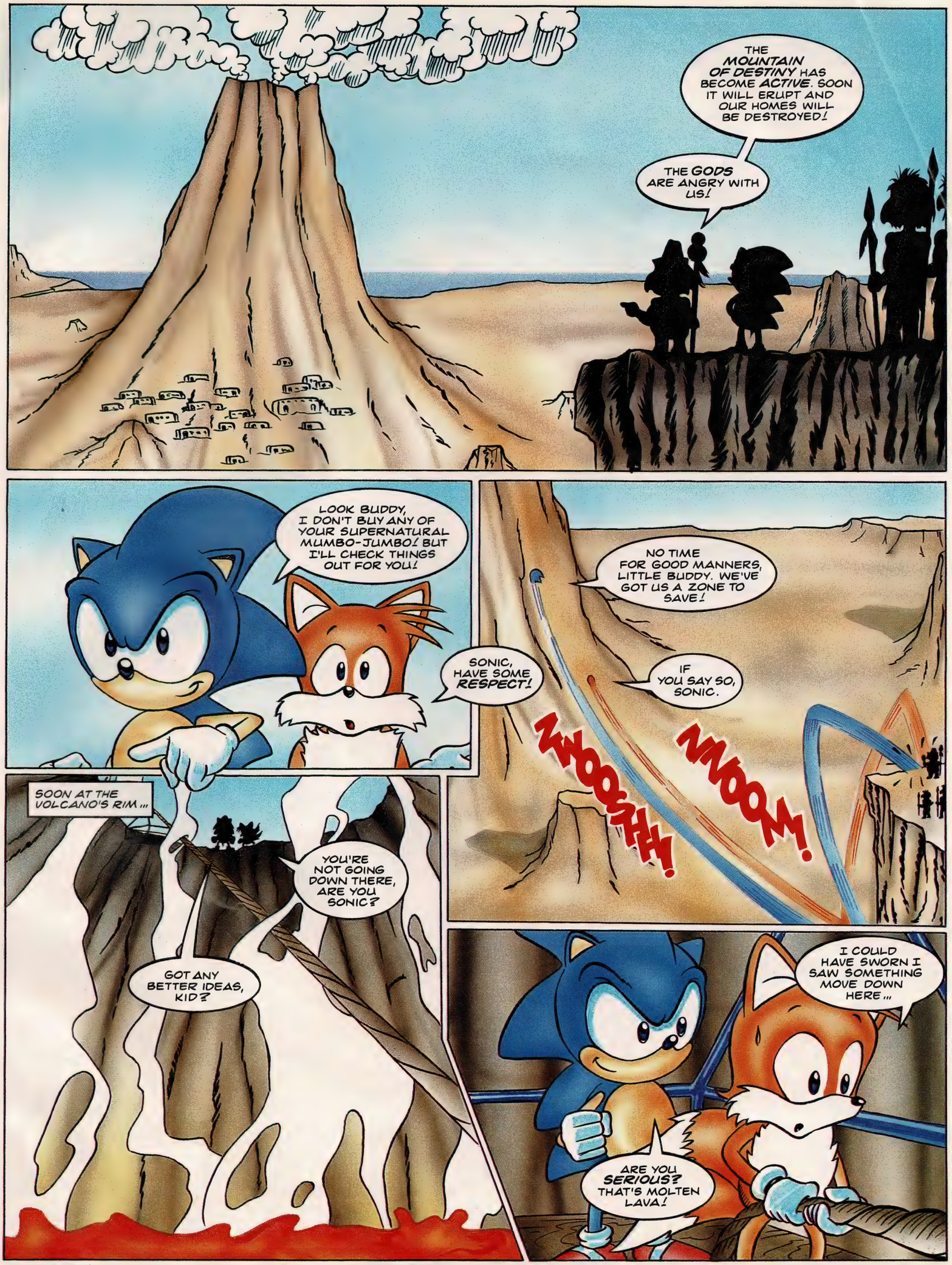

WHAKK!
MIGHTY, YOU SAVED ME!
IF ANYONE'S GOING TO KILL CHARMEE IT'S GOING TO BE ME!
OH-DIDDLEY-DEARY-ME!
I'LL KILL YOU FOR THAT!
I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY!
WHAT DO I DO? I'VE NEVER HAD TO THINK FOR MYSELF BEFORE!
I ONLY HOPE I THINK OF SOMETHING BEFORE MIGHTY AND ESPIO WRECK THE CITY!
THEY'VE GOT VECTOR!
THINGS CAN'T POSSIBLY GET ANY WORSE!

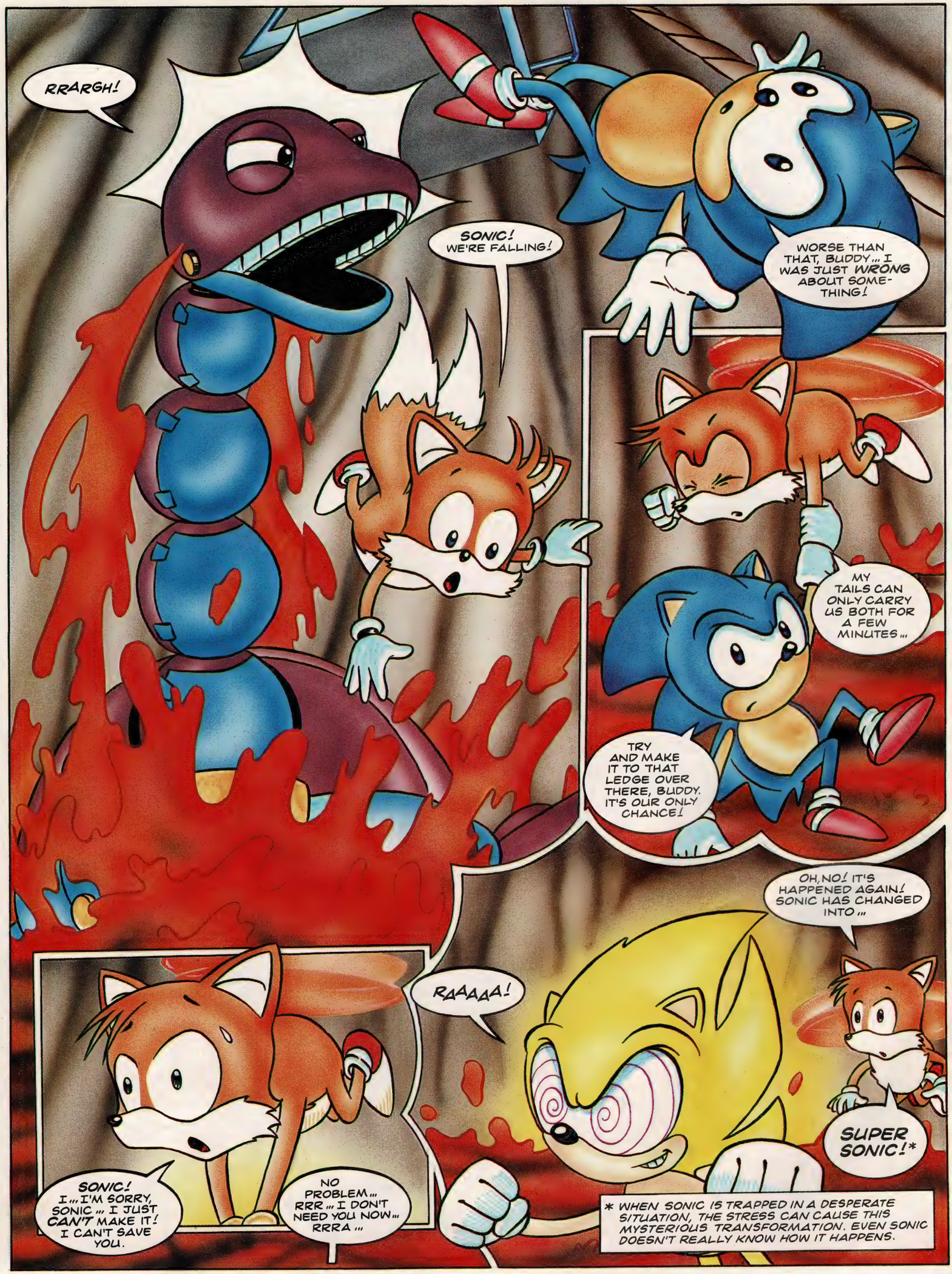

STAND ASIDE! WE'LL HANDLE THIS NOW!
THIS STUN GAS COULD STOP A HERD OF STAMPEDING ELEPHANTS!
COUGH!
HAKK!
THE CHAOTIX CREW ARE AS GOOD AS FINISHED! THIS CITY WILL SOON BE AT MY MERCY!
RIGHT, CRIBBINS?
ABSOLUTELY, MR COBRA!
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THE CHAOTIX CREW WOULD TURN BAD?
WELL, MOST PEOPLE NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT!
LEAVE THIS ONE TO ME!
NEXT ISSUE:
BEE AFRAID, BEE VERY AFRAID!


SONIC AND TAILS ANSWER A CALL FOR HELP FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE HILL TOP ZONE.
Sonic
THE HEDGEHOG
HILL TOP TERROR
SONIC
LOOK AT THAT VOLCANO, SONIC.
NO KIDDING! YOU MEAN THE MOUNTAIN WITH ALL THE SMOKE COMING OUT OF IT? BRILLIANT OBSERVATION!
SONIC! LOOK OUT!
TURTLOIDS!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE EXPECTED!
BE CAREFUL, SONIC!
YOU'RE TALKING TO THE WRONG HEDGEHOG, PIXEL BRAIN! IT'S THESE CREEPS WHO SHOULD WORRY!

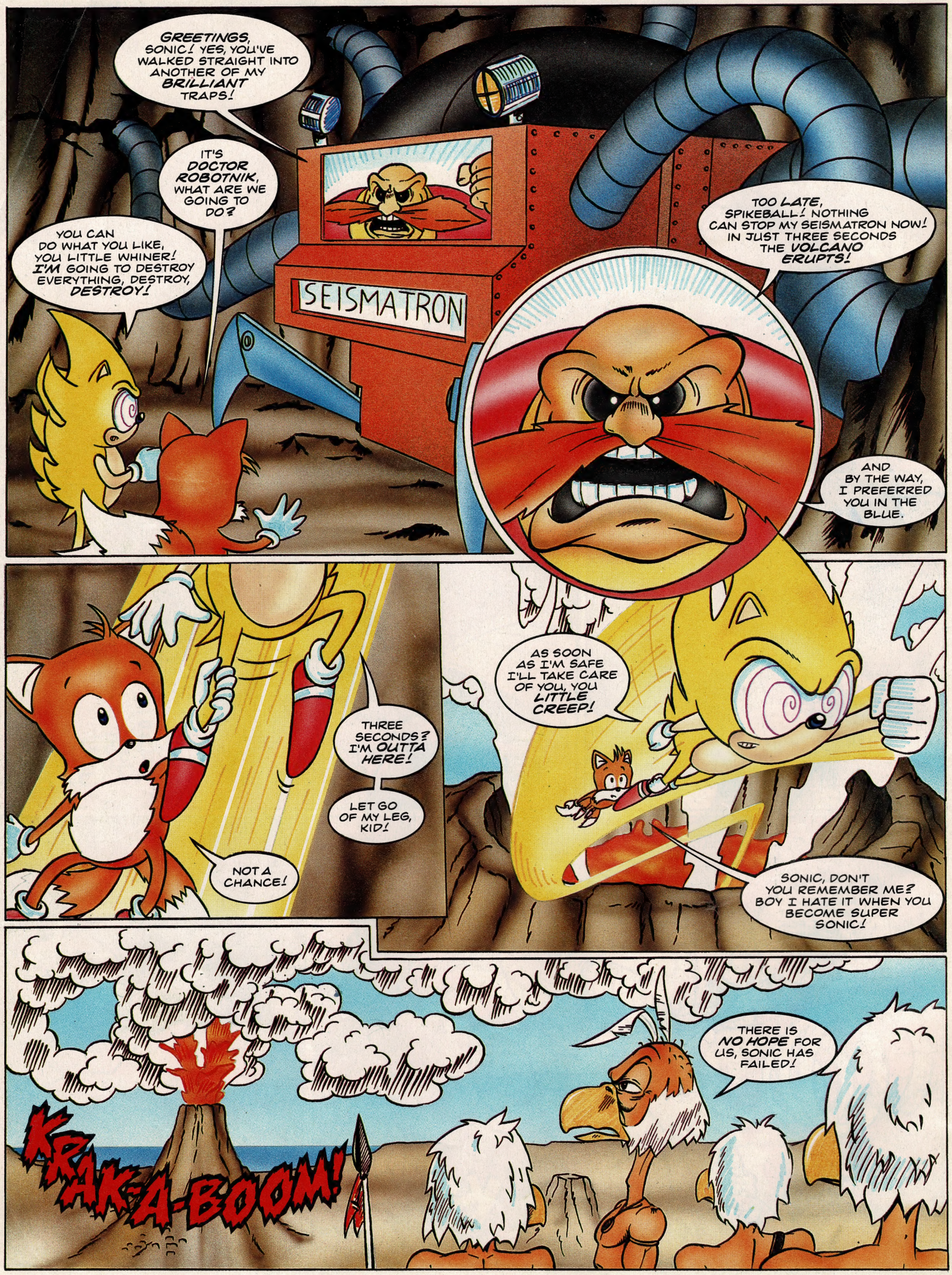
Script: Nigel Kitching **Art:** Ferran Rodriguez **Lettering:** Ellie de Ville

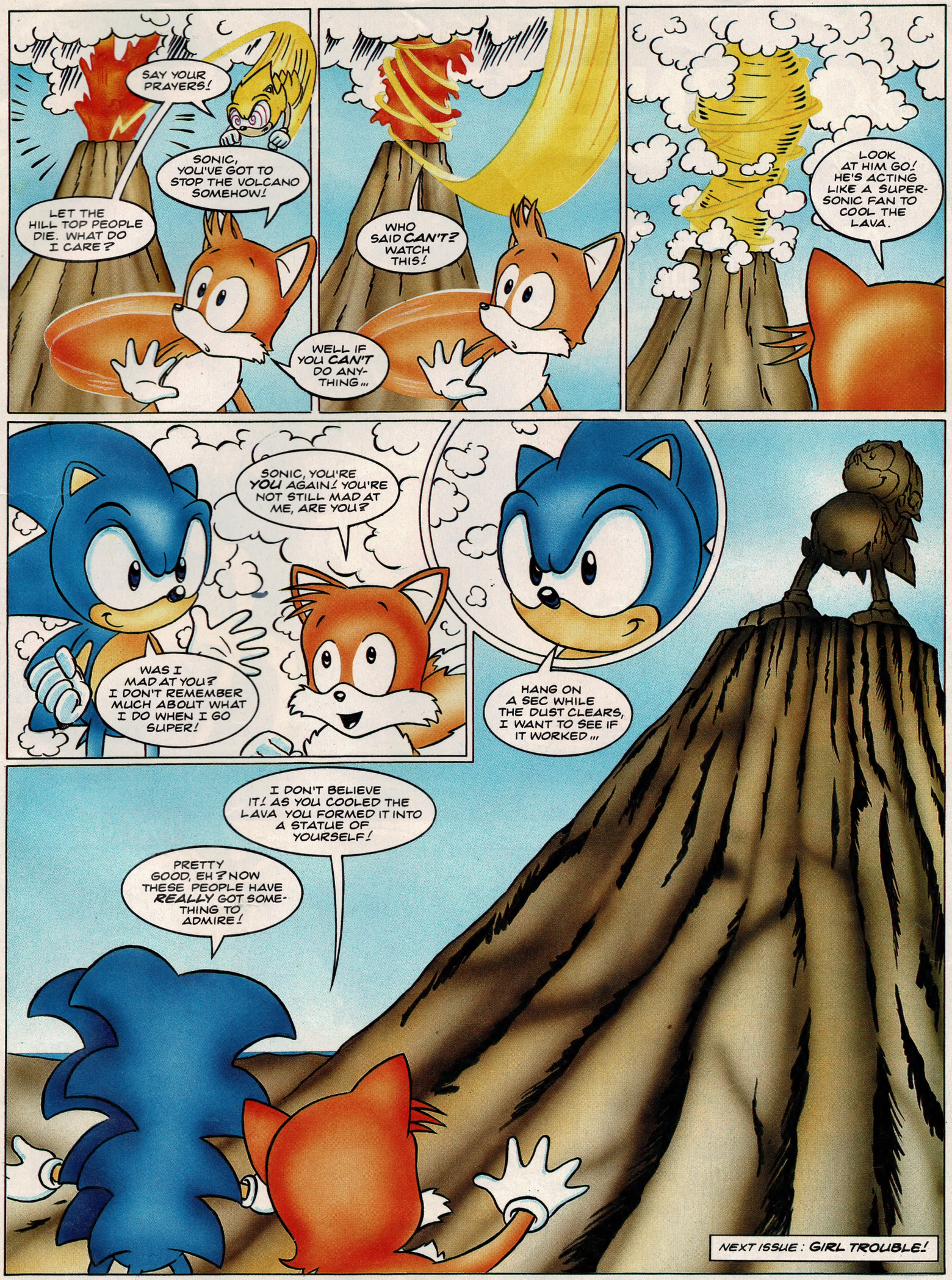
THAT'S THE LAST ONE. LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE COOL BLUE HEDGEHOG!
OH-OH. NO MATTER HOW COOL I AM, I STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED HOW TO FLY...
...LET'S HOPE TAILS IS ON THE CASE!
SONIC
GOTTA ADMIT IT, PAL, OCCASIONALLY YOU DO HAVE YOUR USES!
GEE, THANKS, SONIC!
LOOK SONIC, CHIEF KORDON HIMSELF IS HERE TO MEET US. THIS IS A GREAT HONOUR.
HE PROBABLY JUST WANTS MY AUTOGRAPH.
GREETINGS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, AND MANY THANKS FOR ANSWERING OUR CALL FOR HELP SO PROMPTLY.
HEY, NO HASSLE, POPS! WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?


THE MOUNTAIN OF DESTINY HAS BECOME ACTIVE. SOON IT WILL ERUPT AND OUR HOMES WILL BE DESTROYED!
THE GODS ARE ANGRY WITH US!
LOOK BUDDY, I DON'T BUY ANY OF YOUR SUPERNATURAL MUMBO-JUMBO! BUT I'LL CHECK THINGS OUT FOR YOU!
SONIC, HAVE SOME RESPECT!
NO TIME FOR GOOD MANNERS, LITTLE BUDDY. WE'VE GOT US A ZONE TO SAVE!
IF YOU SAY SO, SONIC.
WHOOSHH!
WHOOM!
SOON AT THE VOLCANO'S RIM...
YOU'RE NOT GOING DOWN THERE, ARE YOU SONIC?
GOT ANY BETTER IDEAS, KID?
I COULD HAVE SWORN I SAW SOMETHING MOVE DOWN HERE...
ARE YOU SERIOUS? THAT'S MOLTEN LAVA!


RRARGH!
SONIC! WE'RE FALLING!
WORSE THAN THAT, BUDDY... I WAS JUST WRONG ABOUT SOMETHING!
MY TAILS CAN ONLY CARRY US BOTH FOR A FEW MINUTES...
TRY AND MAKE IT TO THAT LEDGE OVER THERE, BUDDY. IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
OH, NO! IT'S HAPPENED AGAIN! SONIC HAS CHANGED INTO...
RAAAAA!
SUPER SONIC!*
SONIC! I... I'M SORRY, SONIC... I JUST CAN'T MAKE IT! I CAN'T SAVE YOU.
NO PROBLEM... RRR... I DON'T NEED YOU NOW... RRRA...
* WHEN SONIC IS TRAPPED IN A DESPERATE SITUATION, THE STRESS CAN CAUSE THIS MYSTERIOUS TRANSFORMATION. EVEN SONIC DOESN'T REALLY KNOW HOW IT HAPPENS.

ALL RIGHT, UGLY! THIS IS WHERE YOU GET YOURS!
GLUB!
CRASH!
KRUMP!
SKRETCH!
RAAGH! THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR NOT CHEWING YOUR FOOD PROPERLY, CREEP!
KROOM!
SONIC, OVER HERE!
I THINK I'VE FOUND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR!


GREETINGS, SONIC! YES, YOU'VE WALKED STRAIGHT INTO ANOTHER OF MY BRILLIANT TRAPS!
IT'S DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU LIKE, YOU LITTLE WHINER! I'M GOING TO DESTROY EVERYTHING, DESTROY, DESTROY!
SEISMATRON
TOO LATE, SPIKEBALL! NOTHING CAN STOP MY SEISMATRON NOW! IN JUST THREE SECONDS THE VOLCANO ERUPTS!
AND BY THE WAY, I PREFERRED YOU IN THE BLUE.
THREE SECONDS? I'M OUTTA HERE!
LET GO OF MY LEG, KID!
NOT A CHANCE!
AS SOON AS I'M SAFE I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU, YOU LITTLE CREEP!
SONIC, DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME? BOY I HATE IT WHEN YOU BECOME SUPER SONIC!
KRAK-A-BOOM!
THERE IS NO HOPE FOR US, SONIC HAS FAILED!


SAY YOUR PRAYERS!
LET THE HILL TOP PEOPLE DIE. WHAT DO I CARE?
SONIC, YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THE VOLCANO SOMEHOW!
WELL IF YOU CAN'T DO ANY-THING...
WHO SAID CAN'T? WATCH THIS!
LOOK AT HIM GO! HE'S ACTING LIKE A SUPER-SONIC FAN TO COOL THE LAVA.
SONIC, YOU'RE YOU AGAIN! YOU'RE NOT STILL MAD AT ME, ARE YOU?
WAS I MAD AT YOU? I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH ABOUT WHAT I DO WHEN I GO SUPER!
HANG ON A SEC WHILE THE DUST CLEARS, I WANT TO SEE IF IT WORKED...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! AS YOU COOLED THE LAVA YOU FORMED IT INTO A STATUE OF YOURSELF!
PRETTY GOOD, EH? NOW THESE PEOPLE HAVE REALLY GOT SOME-THING TO ADMIRE!
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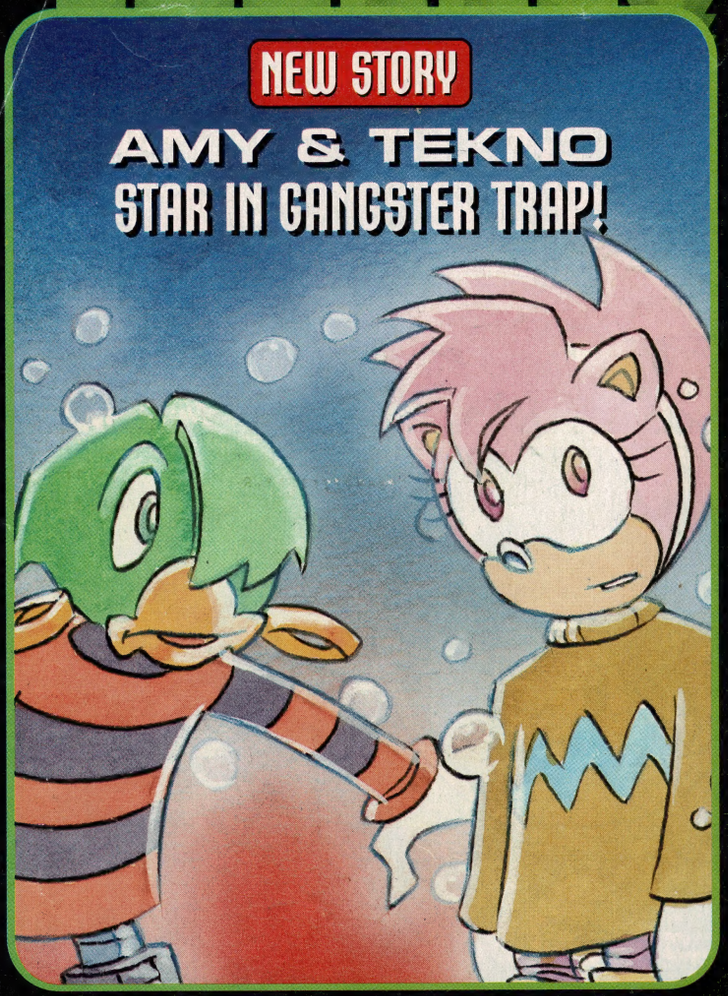

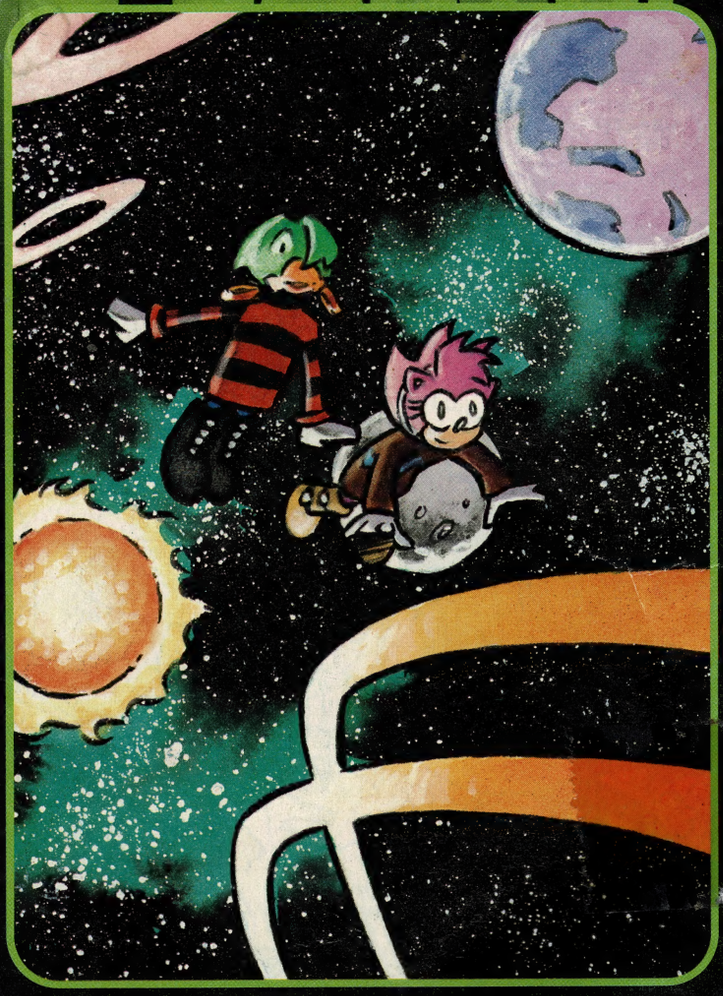

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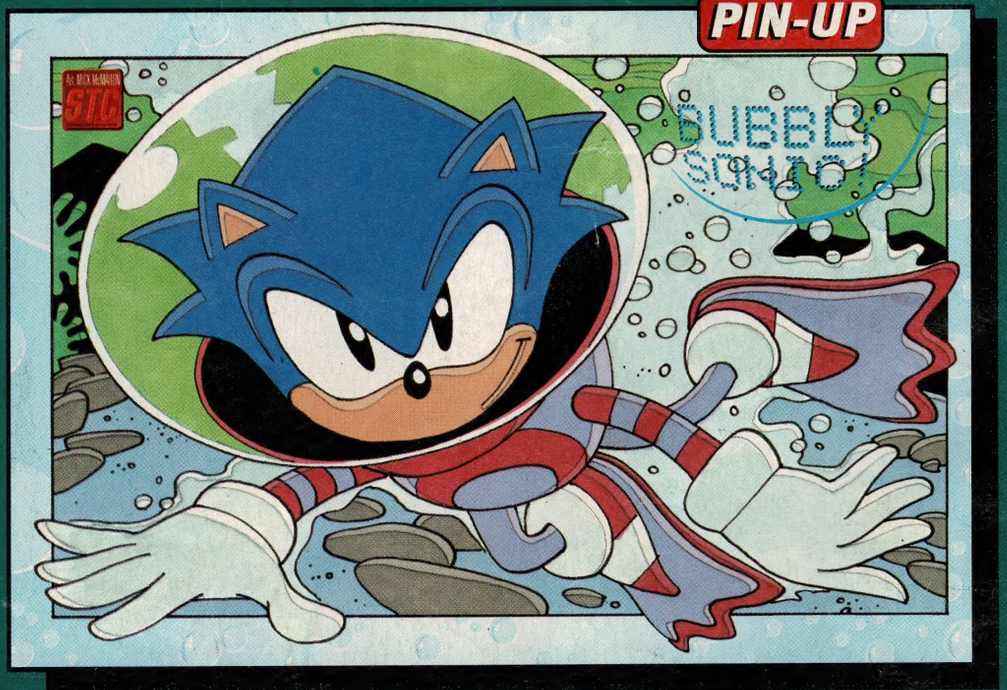
SONIC

SANDSTORMS & SLAVE CELLS!

CHAOTIX DOUBLE WHAMMY!

STORY CONCLUSION & READERS' ARTWORK!



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